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Public Meetings Scheduled to Discuss Plans for Pemigewasset River Corridor

The Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) will be conducting two public meetings this month to solicit input from residents, businesses and local officials on the update of the Pemigewasset River Corridor Management Plan. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday September 27th, at 7:00 PM at Plymouth State University, Boyd Science Center, in Room 001. The second meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 29th at 6:00 PM in the downstairs meeting room at Gordon-Nash Library, 69 Main St, in New Hampton. The agenda will include a review of the results of the river corridor survey conducted as a starting point, an explanation of the update process, and information on additional opportunities for the public to be involved.

The Pemigewasset River has its headwaters in Franconia and flows through the towns of Lincoln, Woodstock, Thornton, Campton, Plymouth, Holderness, Ashland, Bridgewater, New Hampton, Bristol, Hill, and Sanbornton before joining with the Winnepesaukee River in the city of Franklin to form the Merrimack River.

Pursuant to the NH Rivers Management and Protection Program, the Corridor Management Plan addresses recreational and non-recreational uses of the river and adjacent lands, protection of floodplains, habitat management, and other issues. The first Corridor Management Plan for the Pemigewasset River was completed by PRLAC in 2001. The local input from the upcoming public meetings and other sources will guide the update of the Plan.

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